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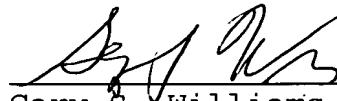
- a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application;

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Sir:

The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$1842.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 84, line 12, change "generators the" to -- generates the--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 41-112, and amend the claims as follows:

1. An output driver to drive on a multi-drop bus, an output symbol representing at least two bits including a most significant bit (MSB) and a least significant bit (LSB), comprising:
5 a first drive block to generate a MSB symbol component representing the MSB; and
6 a second drive block to generate an LSB symbol component representing the LSB, the LSB symbol component being combined
8 with the MSB symbol component to provide the output symbol.

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